GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EXPORT OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic medicines exported during last three years; and

(b) the effective steps being taken by the Government for the promotion of Indian medical system with a view to boosting their export?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) The value of Ayurvedic/Unani and Homoeopathic medicines exported during the last three years is as under:-

(Value of export in crores of Rs.)

	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01
01 Ayurvedic & Unani Medicine	133.60	145.03	221.51
02 Homoeopathic Medicines	1.70	3.86	11.16

(b) Government has taken following steps to promote export of Indian Systems of Medicine:

(i) Labelling provisions under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945 has been Relaxed to meet the requirements of importing countries for marketing of Ayurvedic/herbal medicines in the importing countries.

(ii) Gazette Notification on Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) in `schedule T` for Ayurvedic medicines has been notified which will improve the quality of medicines and help to meet the requirements of the importing countries.

(iii) Rule 160 (A) to (J) has been amended under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules Recognize Public/Private Drug Testing Laboratories for testing of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs which will certify the quality of Ayurvedic/Herbal drugs.

(iv) Ayurvedic Formulary and Pharmacopoeia have been published to bring uniformity and quality standard of Ayurvedic medicines.

(v) Medicinal Plants Board has been establised to facilitate availability of quality Raw drugs for domestic and export products.

(vi) U.S. market survey on Ayurvedic/Plant products has been supported.

(vii) Industry has been encouraged to participate in fairs and exhibitions abroad.

(viii) Government have also sent delegations abroad to propagate our systems and drugs.